

## **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE:** **OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY**

She will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

#### **GROWING THE ECONOMY**

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her mission to Japan has already attracted 630 new jobs and \$116 million in new investment from 10 Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

#### **PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN**

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why in just three years, her administration has made it possible for more than 292,000 uninsured or under-insured citizens to receive affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage; and they've created the MiRx drug discount program that's helping 35,000 Michiganders purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

#### **EDUCATING OUR KIDS**

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

## **GRANHOLM ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: NURSES**

Governor Granholm is committed to ensuring that every person in the state of Michigan has equal opportunity and access to affordable health care and a good quality of life. Governor Granholm's administration has:

### *Invested in Nursing Education and Training to Help meet Demand*

- **Made \$17 million in Grants Available for Training Nurses and Other Health Care Professionals.** Thirteen Michigan universities and community colleges will receive more than \$17 million in grants to accelerate training for nurses and other health care professionals. The grants, part of the MI Opportunity Partnership, will help train more than 1,200 health professionals including RNs, LPNs, clinical nurse faculty, and allied health professionals to help meet the demand for high-skilled health care workers quicker, and to help ensure that people wanting to work in this growing field can get the training they need.
- **Appointed Michigan's First Chief Nurse Executive.** Appointed the Chief Nurse Executive to help find solutions to the nursing shortage in Michigan, and to help meet the health care needs of Michigan citizens.

### *Invested in Affordable Prescription Drugs*

- **Made Affordable Prescriptions and Health Care Available.** In just three years, the Granholm administration has extended affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage to more than 292,000 Michigan citizens.
- **Made Prescription Drugs Affordable for the Uninsured.** Created the MiRx Card, a prescription drug discount card program to help lower prescription drug costs for some of Michigan's one million uninsured residents. More than 32,000 uninsured seniors and people from working families have signed up for the discount prescription drug card program since its inception.
- **Lowered Prescription Drug Costs through Bulk-buying Pool.** Introduced the nation's first bulk-buying pool for prescription drugs and received federal approval from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to ensure lower prescription drug costs for more than 1.3 million Michigan citizens.

### *Invested in Affordable Health Care Plans*

- **Proposed Making Affordable Private Health Care Plans Available to 500,000 Michiganiens.** Proposed a revolutionary new health care plan to provide access to affordable health insurance to more than 500,000 uninsured citizens. The Michigan First Health Care Plan will make affordable private health plans available to small business employees, the self-employed, and the working poor without access to traditional employer-based health insurance or government-run programs. Cutting the state's uninsured population will create significant savings for businesses and citizens who subsidize uninsured health care.
- **Helped Businesses Offer Health Care Coverage to Employees.** Signed legislation giving tax cuts for businesses on their health care costs to help them remain competitive.

*Invested in Initiatives to Help Michigan Citizens Pursue Healthy Lifestyles*

- **Appointed Michigan's first Surgeon General.** Appointed the state's first Surgeon General and launched a plan – *Prescription for a Healthier Michigan* – to help make Michigan citizens healthier.
- **Implemented Mental Health Care Law.** Taken the lead on implementing *Kevin's Law* which offers protection for individuals and for the community, and provides adequate and appropriate care to citizens who need mental health care assistance.
- **Worked to Prevent Unintended Pregnancies.** Instituted the *Talk Early, Talk Often* program designed to offer parents resources for talking about abstinence, sexuality issues, and HIV/STDs with their middle school-age children.

*Invested in Health Care Initiatives and Facilities*

- **Established Federally Qualified Health Centers.** As of October 2005, the Granholm administration has worked to obtain approval of 15 Federally Qualified Health Centers in communities throughout the state, including Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Detroit, Marquette, Muskegon, Jackson, Brimley, Westland, and Lincoln.
- **Ensured Safer Nursing Home Care.** Signed legislation requiring criminal background checks for workers in nursing homes and in assisted living facilities.
- **Ensured Better Nursing Home Care.** Implemented a proposal to renovate many of Michigan's aging long-term care facilities. Made \$300 million in additional funding available to help renovate up to 75 aging nursing homes/long-term care facilities which will help ensure everyone has the opportunity to receive the care they need in a safe and dignified manner. It will also help put Michigan women and men to work in a variety of jobs.
- **Created the Long-Term Care Task Force.** Created and implemented recommendations for a state Long-Term Care Task Force which will help ensure that Michigan's seniors are protected and cared for.
- **Strengthened Rural Health Care.** Signed legislation that will expand affordable health care opportunities to more Michigan citizens living in rural communities. The law will protect and expand the rural health care safety net by allowing more Michigan rural hospitals the opportunity to continue or begin receiving increased federal reimbursement for Medicare patients.
- **Helped Establish the Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority.** Guided the establishment of the Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority to help find ways to provide efficient and quality health care for thousands of residents in southeast Michigan who are under-insured or who have no insurance.
- **Made \$50 Million Available for Detroit Medical Center.** Approved \$50 million for the Detroit Medical Center to help it meet budget shortfalls at Detroit Receiving and Hutzel hospitals.
- **Received Wayne State University's Healthcare Award.** Received WSU's *Healthcare Award* for the state's commitment to protecting healthcare access for Michigan's most vulnerable citizens in the face of economic hardships.

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